carved stones here and there, for the well known pyramids of Meroe that mark the spot lie back several miles in the solitude of the desert.

The city revealed itself bit by bit before the professor's orderly and methodical attack. Great temples, royal palaces and public buildings emerged gradually from that it the sands; the city walls and gates and quays stood once more in their places; colossal statues, altars and public monuments disclosed their whereabouts; the tombs yielded up their secrets and num- 150 yards wide bers of small, artistic remains were trapped in the busy sieves.

The sterling value of the golden hoard is almost the cost of the last expedition. while the Roman head if it were on the market would readily reach a price three or four times the total outlay on this work. Probably no excavator has worked en such a site since Schliemann worked

In addition to the actual treasures recovered new and important contributions have been made to archæology. sefore this work nothing was known of the subject of the Ethiopian civilization from the specialist's point of view. For this reason primarily the first experiments were made in the tombs and isolated knolls as being the most accessible sources of information as to the character of ordinary Mercitic objects.

The tombs, being of unknown type and securely cemented down, for some time baffled the excavators, but at last the secret was won and the workers succeeded in bringing to light some thousands of vases, finding in some instances as many as thirty or forty in a single tomb chamber. They were all of a style new and peculiar without the least trace of Egyptian influence.

in the tombs furthest to the north

The soldier had his weapons, sword, lance, dagger, &c., all of iron, the huntsman his bow and arrows-even the dogs were sometimes sacrificed with him. The women had equally their beads and

In a few cases the frame of a decayed the regular renewal of the offerings.

While the tombs were being excavated felt Prof. Garstang began to uncover the He proved himself an indefatigable great temple of Amon. He found the entrance to a pylon in the Egyptian style. end of the temple at its western extremity, giving it a length of more than 130 yards.

The central aisle leads through a series of columned halls to the sanctuary, in the middle of which there is still to be seen the high altar carved in a single block of stone, decorated in relief with the figures of gods and of the King in his character of chief priest. At the foot of the altar were found the last votive offerings where they had been laid just previous to the destruction of the city.

London street car system, the erection of artisans' dwellings and so on.

When he entered Parliament in 1892 he found the same sort of work waiting to be done on a far larger scale. He gained the ear of the House at once, first, because he never spoke without having something to say; secondly, because the breezy, vigorous confidence of the man, his sincerity and enthusiasm, made indifference impossible, and thirdly, because on many subjects he probably knew more at first hand than all the rest of the House put together.

two great statues of columnar form repre-King and Queen of Ethiopia. per building did duty at a late time Christian church, the only in-

recoils state robes, on the other god in human form standing up-

language and the assiduous study of philolo-1

RUINS OF MEROE UNCOVERED

VALUABLE FINDS IN ETHIOPLUS ANCIENT CAPITAL.

Femples. Palaces. Tombs and Other
Long Hidden Buildings Revealed
Art objects and a Golden Hoard
Recovered—Ethiopian Civilization.

London, May 30.—Another buried city of Africa has yielded its treasures to the patient toil of the excavator. About the middle of June there will be on exhibition in London the antiquities recently discovered by Prof. J. Garstang in the ancient Ethiopian capital Meroë, the city of Queen Candace. Among these treasures will be specimens of the royal jewels, an exquisite cameo and a fine

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The ruins of Meroë were noticed as long ago as 1772 by James Bruce, the long ago as 1772 by James Bruce, the long ago as 1772 by James Bruce, the great avenue of the temple a special place for the sacrifice of animals. As for objects of art, there was found during the first year a glass cameo representing the king in the

traveller, but it was only three years ago that Prof. Sayce recognized that they were unquestionably the remains of Meroë and asked Prof. Garstang, who was then at work in Egypt, to undertake the excavation.

The Government constructed a railway siding and provided water tanks and material. Personal friends and the museums of Edinburgh. Brussels, Copenhagen and Munich made up a fund of more than \$15,000, which has already been expended, and Prof. Garstang with five or six hundred laborers started operations. In two years astonishing results have been obtained. Practically nothing of the ancient city was visible above the soil when Prof. Garstang arrived upon the scene, no ruined buildings or connected walls, only mounds of débris and a few carved stones here and there, for the well indices of antimals. As for objects of art, there was found during the first year a glass cameo representing the king in the character of Amon, and this year a small exquisite cameo, carved in stone, with a design of galloping horses, one white and the other black, pure Greek in style.

They also finished excavating the temple of the sun, of which the , whole building and the court are now clear of débris. On the south side was found the funerary chamber already mentioned, where there still remain vases full of bones and chartened to the soulders. On the walls there may be noticed also sculptures, now much clearer, in which one sees the victims dragged up the slope to the temple by a rope attached to the leading of the soulders. Of great interest is a representation of the temple carved on its own walls, because with the measures and details of the architecture ascertained it would be now possible to reconstruct the whole.

Several other sacrified in the season's explora-Several other smaller buildings have

Several other smaller buildings have been included in the season's explora-tions, temples, houses, baths, chambers for workers in metal, the furnaces for pottery and bricks and all the evidences of the active life of a great city of the East. Following under the surface the great wall which all the time was the centre wall which all the time was the centre of these investigations, it was found that it continued with the same width of five or six yards for a length of more than 300 yards. At last, instead of turning toward the east and thus including the Temple of Amon, it turned at each corner to the west and enclosed a space 150 washes with

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150 yards wide.

On the west side, without doubt, it touched the river in ancient times, a fact which corresponds with tradition; and here the excavators remarked specially built terraces to resist the action of the water, as well as a place of disembarkation and a quay communicating with the interior.

Inside there were two prominent mounds. That to the north covered a great columned hall with frescoes of the King and Queen painted on the walls, and in good preservation. In the middle there had been, at a second period, a massive pedestal, as if for an equestrian statue, with its foundations as high as the original columns.

In front of the entrance, interred in a pocket of clean sand, there was found are the westminster Gazette.

Marulius: grum: ignotus: A. D. circ. 60.

In front of the entrance, interred in a pocket of clean sand, there was found on the third day of the excavations the massive bronze head already spoken of. It is a wonderful specimen of Roman art, in perfect condition, and clearly work of the age of Augustus, at the end of the first century B. C. The eyes are of alabaster, with the iris and pupil inlaid, while the eyelashes are in bronze. It is twice

baster, with the iris and pupil inlaid, while the eyelashes are in bronze. It is twice life size. It is possible that this head represents Germanicus, who is known from the Annals of Tacitus to have made a voyage by the Nile to Assouan.

Lastly, toward the end of the season operations were begun in the palaces covered by the southern mounds. In a rubbish well were found pieces of glaze work on which were the names of seven or eight royal personages of Ethiopia, the date probably toward the sixth or fifth century B. C.

In another place a piece of a big scarab

In the tombs furthest to the north tases of a special and rare kind were recovered made of thin pottery decorated with paintings in colors, the subjects being animals, trees or natural features. In addition to pottery vessels there were in these tombs a variety of objects not merely funerary in character.

In obedience to primitive instinct the dead was laid to sleep on his bed in his subterranean chamber surrounded by the things which would be to him the most useful upon his awakening. The seldier had his weapons, sword.

# JOHN BURNS, M. P.

## Quick to Gain the Em of the House After He Entered Parliament.

From McClure's. A change began to come over John wooden hed might be traced, and in every Burns when he was elected to the London tomb the vases and dishes seem to have Common Council. The agitator turned contained drinks and food. It is even by degrees into the administrator. He possible that originally one of the doors was the only Labor representative on was left so that it might be opened for the council, and his experience, sanity and good humor quickly made themselves

councillor, inspecting and inquiring into everything on his own account, and and following the direct path he came eventually to the great wall of the city, one of the few visible pieces of masonry in the site, which thus proved to be the end of the temple at its western extremity, end of the temple at its western extremity. London street car system, the erection of sixing it a length of more than 130 yards.

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Two small temples in the neighborhood gave further information. The one was dedicated to the Egyptian goddess Isis. In this ruin two buildings were superposed, and in the foundations of the later one, which was built for the most part out of the ruins of the earlier, were found two great statues of columnar form represents.

### A Year Ahead of His Time From the Pall Mall Gazette

From the Pail Mail Gazette.

Luxembourg was not so long ago the scene of an incident savoring decidedty of comic operative there are a flumber of indicawas situated on the east side of award the desert, a fact which mind that travellers of last speak of the great number and ty of the lions in this district, were found two sculptured stone, one on each side of the insertance, and that, so far from being deat, he was on the physicians had been misled by a cataleptic trance, and that, so far from being deat, he was on the turnal Included among these Included among these road to recovery. So Duke Adelphus had te to plaque carved on both sides, with the design of the king resum to Vienna and when, a year later, the King really passed away several weeks elapsed before the new ruler of Luxembourg assumed the reins and in human feet of the new ruler of Luxembourg assumed the reins

# Last of the New Orleans Mint.

From the New Orleans Times Democrat.
The transfer of the last lot of sliver ordered the assistances study of philologic can now be recognized the gods and personages the gods and personages the last lot of sliver ordered removed and personages the first lot was uncovered to the sin was uncovered to the sin was uncovered to the sin was uncovered to the since the last lot of sliver ordered removed and \$7.087,241 in sliver has been removed in daily instalments since May 10, been the first lot was turned over to Assistant Treasurer John A. Wogan.

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POEMS WORTH READING.

Thirst of the Homesick.

"If but the Gods, of their mercy, Would let me return, ere I die To drink of the water of Dirce— On the cool sprinkled margin to lie!

"Not they not the charm weaving Circu Could make me forget or forego-

Then answered the Gods, of their mercy We give thee thy thirst and thy love. But seek not the water of Dirce

A Song of May.

Sweet was mine own country
In the days long gone.
Speedwell and starwort,
Let me alone:

There is wild forget-me-not On the English leas: My heart is not forgetting For those or these.

There is scarlet of popples In the English wheat: Möther, when I forget thee My rest shall be sweet.

My sleep shall be deep.
I who told thy praises,
In the English clay
Under English daistes.

When I forget thee, Land of desire, My hands shall be folded And my feet not tire.

Popples and ground lvy. Shall I sleep so sound
That I shall not dream of thee
In the Paglish ground?

The Onward March. From the Washington Star.
They have cut off their queues in China land:
It iast they are coming to understand
that the way which is truly to be prized
a the way enlightened and civilized,
p time they will learn the other things
that make us a race of a billion kings.
They will learn to dispense with their garme

who bare this boy know:
Why is his quiver filled with arrows so!"
He knows not when the battle will begin.
"Why haked!" Hoys like not apparelling.
"Why boy is he!" he bringeth back man's youth.
"Why boy is he!" he loringeth back man's youth.

Who gave him wings?" Inconstancy for sooth Wherefore no blush!" He knoweth naught

When faults are washed away they know the

women" (Dublin: Maunsi & Ca., in Rise to your feet, O daughters, rise, Our mother still is young and fair. Let the world look into your eyes. And see her beauty shining there. Grant of that beauty but one ray. Heroes shall leap from every hill: To day shall be as yesterday. The red blood burns in Ireland still.

Was like my dream when dawn was there And still with dawn the lingering night. Unseen but known in the sweet air Like bells that ring beyond the sight.

The Syrian merchant paused to heed. In a prayers of the beggars by the gate: The Homan lord drew in his steed.
To let men pass of low estate.

And some there were whose gains were made. In ways that honest men despise. Who left the shameful carrion trade because they saw the Virgin's eyes.

Let saints implore for worlds to be, And young knights pray for deeds to do. May Mary of her charity Grant me to night one dream of you.

In June.

ever sang birds in more harmonious tune here is no breeze but bears a fragrant boon What worlds of wonder in each drop of dew o pathways hymned in some immortal rune

Where blooms the eternal rose, and every air is winnowed by the wafture of white wings; Where the bright bow of promise ends, and wher eace shows its perfect aura unto men

About the throne where sits the king of kings CLINTON SCOLLARD.

From the Chicago News

Three scrambled eggs, a piece of pie.

Ice cream and coffee on the fly: Three doughnuts followed in a wink; Ice water—hurry up!—to drink.

With eager pride he flung them in.
As if a medal bright to win;
As men at target practice swell
When lucky butlets ring the bell.

From the Spectator.

I know a dingle in a hawthorn wood
Filled with the fragrance of the perfect May.
Here the squat thorns for centuries have stood.
And spring heaps blossoms on them, new ar

And spring heaps
And in that moment of the shining day
Which sees the glamour of the rising sun
Slant the pale yellow of his early ray
On dew drenched fallows all the fine threads spun
By long legged splaners in these twisted trees
Float their gray gossamer upon the breeze.
Here leaps the limber footed listening hare.
And here the cuckoo, the small song bird's care.
Calls from the willows in the water leas.
Remote, clusive, a thin longue of air.

The Guardian.

A shining one, with glorious face (Ah. but the gleam thereoft). Who filled with light divine the placeQUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The American ensign dates from an act

when it was formally adopted as the ensign of the temporary North German Confederation, which was soon fused in the heat of the Franco-

Prussian war into the German Empire. The

green haif stripe on the Austrian flag is the charge

its the flag in date to the creation of the dual

The play was written by Duncan B. Harriso

Sullivan appeared were "Roderick Agra" (1892).

mental article of belief lithology has been busy with a chip of the stone and has forced therefron

is there any stone of that nature and that the

It occurs in "Barnabe Itinerarium." publishe

n 1635 by Richard Brathwaite under the pseudo

recalled save by specialists in the literature of the period. In the two versions this verse re

lates the incident of Sabbath observance

Ut processi ab australi, Veni Banbury, O profanum!

Quod Sabbatho stravit murem.

Taking farewell of the southward.

To Banbury came I, O profane one When I saw a Puritane one

lling of a mouse on Sunday

third Vixen does not seem distinguished, but

their profession under sall and had no confidence

minor unit far outranked by the frigates Poto

The Worshipful Mr. Nupkins, with the assist

ewels in the British Crown; and that, after al

Stubbs's "Constitutional History."

his fund might seem to be covered.

The first explanation of the name has at least

considerable priority. It is in an official docu-ment dated 1646, the deed to Van der Donck of

energette fire directed upon them.

Hanging up his cat on Monda;

In progressu boreall

I'bi vidi Puritanum

Felem facientem furem.

In my progress northward

yields stone of exactly the same structure.

from which the building material was

House of Savoy.

The Italian flag has an interrupted

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. C. B. N. says: The score is A-B, 0, to Y-Z, 24, rubber game. A is the declarer to make two no trumps, but falls by one trick. During the play one of his adversaries, Y, revoked. We are not clear about the meaning of law lib as to whether A gets three tricks or 150 points only when he fulfils his contract, or in any case, or whether he must choose between the 150 points in honors and the one trick necessary to fulfil his contract. Did you not sacrifice historical accuracy to a pardonable "hall Columbia" sentiment in describing the American ensign as the oldest flag? I too should like to believe it, but surely the Stars and Stripes cannot be older than the meteor flag of the mother country. If possible please give dates.

R. T. Bark. Yet patriotism and fact run together in the statement that the Stars and Stripes is older than Great Britain's Union Jack by a quarter of a cen-

of the Continental Congress of June 14, 1777, and the treaty of Paris in 1783 was Great Britain's nunc pro tune recognition of the flag. The British Union Jack dates only from 1801, the year of the union which created the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; this fact is patent G. B. B. says: A bids one heart and Y doubles. After the hand, the result of which is immaterial, Z says to Y, who is his partner, "You cut our chances down to a quarter of what they were by your doubleng a one trick contract, because every double and redouble you get nearer level." Y protests that if he sees a fair chance to get to penalty he might as well make it 100 and that no extra risk is taken by so doing.

The point Z has in mind probably is that as long as the bid is not doubled A is playing for 8 points a trick and Y is playing for 50; but the monent Y doubles, so as to be playing for 100, A is playing for twice 5 and for 50 a trick as well, or 55 points, Instead of Y's having a 50 to 8 chance therefore to those who can read on the flag the crosses and their respective fimbriations which are the biazon rather than critical objection is not cited accurately, the American ensign was not classed as the oldest of flags, but as considerably the oldest of the great national ensigns. Of course there are a few older, but the lands which display them scarcely rank among the great nations. Thus at the fall of Byzantium in 1453, the red.'white and Instead of Y's having a 50 to 8 chance therefore he has only 100 to 66, so that Z is sechnically correct when he tells Y that he has cut the odds in his favor from 6 to 1 to 1½ to 1. But Z is wrong as to redoubling, because Y's chance is then 200 to 152, which is just the same as 100 to 66. the colors of the Netherlands cariler blue were the colors of the Netherlands earlier than 1643. Of the great national ensigns the tricolor of France may claim second place next the Stars and Stripes, although its use was not continuous. In 1700 the vertical stripes of red and white and blue were adopted by the National Assembly as a canton on the white flag; by act of February 17, 1794, the tricolor as now used was adopted as the national ensign; interrupted by the Restoration it was one of the first acts of Louis Philippe to restore the tricolor on March

Louis Philippe to restore the tricolor on March 27, 1831; yet during its abeyance in France the republican banner waved in India over a bardy band of French mercenaries. The German red, white and black dates from November 25, 1867. ncrease the partner's bid on trump strength forgetting that these trumps are probably use-less unless the player is short in a suit, and especially in the suit declared by the adversaries, be n the plain suits; but players should remembe that when the partner makes a declaration he is upon the destruction of the French Empire; in 1848 it was resumed and accepted by the King of Sardinia with a charge of the royal arms of the

Did John Lawrence Sullivan of Boston once figure in a dramatic production having a name semewhat like "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands": Please supply the details. G. N. around the highly developed muscles of "the Hon-est Blacksmith" (John L.). Immediately after his on's company in "The Paymaster" and appeared way of expressing the true rule, just as one say in a loosely interpolated sparring bout with Joe Lannon. This suggested the play to Harrison, and the new actor made his debut as a star at Bridgeport, August 27, 1890. Later plays in which "The king can do no wrong." meaning that he is not liable to the penalties as other men are Dummy is not liable to the penalty for a revoke, but if he does revoke and the error is not dis-

A Man from Boston" (1893), and "The True American" (1894). Has the coronation stone of Great Britain any name in particular of its own? CURIOUS. In the northern kingdom it has two descriptive designations, the stone of destiny and the great tone of Scone. Besides these the Scotch have fo stone of Scone. Besides these the Scotch have for its particular name. Lia Fall. It is also described and sometimes named Jacob's Pillow and in a simple view of miracles is credited with being the very stone upon which the partiarch rested his head when there came to him the seraphic B's claim is just, as the dealer has led for the next trick without correcting his error. The mistake made by the dealer was in not calling whichever card he wished from B's hand after vision and the ladder ascending unto heaven

upon this basis plous credulity has erected and long accepted a marvellous legend history of the peregrinations of this sense from the Holy Land to Scotland. Unfortunately for this funda-E. J. T. says: Is there any specific rule as to who shall shuffle the cards and in what order? A bets that any one can shuffle so long as the dealer is satisfied to let the shuffle stand. The laws require the dealer's partner to shuffle the still pack first. After he has done so any player at the table may ask to shuffle them, by

present it to be cut. aym Corymbaus. The English is doggered and the Latin equally canicular, and probably the citation asked for is the only stanza that will be ing roya' spades at sine a trick in auction, by uch a declaration is only a house rule and i makes a very good game.

Cribbage. B. J. L. says: A is the dealer and B has laid out two cards for the crib, wanting four holes to go, while A wants twonty. While A is studying his discard B takes back one of his cards remarking that he "guesses the other way is safer," whereupon A throws up his hand and says he "guesses he will have a new deal." Is this the rule!

If a player takes back into his hand a card or e laid out for the orth his adversar marks two holes as penalty and has the option of a fresh deal as well, so A is within his rights. Very few persons insist on this rule, but it is i

W. U. T. says: Playing two hand, the card-fail: 4, 3, 2, A, 5, the runs and the fifteen being passed and pegged, but when B plays another-and wants to peg a run-A disputes it, as there is a 4 on the table. The run is correct, as all the cards needed make it can be reached without encountering

at all in steam. In the blockading squadron operating on the Guif coast in that war under command of Commodore Conner the Visen was Cassino. J. D. P. says. On the board lie ten and a seven. A puts little cassino on the seven and calls it a nine. It lays down a ter without building two tens. A saks him if housiness what he has as long as he plays a carrin his proper turn. A lesists that unless it has a third ten in his hand he shall take in the ter on the board, so that A shall have the sweep H declines to say anything, so A puts an acon his own nine build, making it three tens whereupon B takes in the whole business will big cassino. A bets 310 that this is cheating.

A has no right to ask an adversary to disclosmac, Cumberland and Barttan. In the various operations of the squadron the Visen was priz-cipally assigned to towing duty, as at Tuzpan-Frontera and Anton Lizardo. Yet after towing the fighting brigs into place at Tabasco It was the Vizen which shelled the town into surrender. In the action at Vera Cruz, Tatnall and Sands took the Spittire and Visen with two gunboats each in

A has no right to ask an adversary to disc his game, and as long as B has not made an build A cannot compel him to take in any cards B's play is perfectly legitimate, as he would get a sweep if A took in the nine, whether h called the cards on the table two tens or let th

Would it be asking too much for you to print the text of Magna Charta in your column? I am a trifle anxious to see it in lengthsh, but am unable to find it any of the encyclopedias to which I have access in Toronto. Five Hundred, M. E. S. says: I hold the joicer with the ace tack len nine of hearts in a no trumper, and on my leading the ace the queen fails from one player and the cight from the other. The seven is missing. A bets that I should have led another heart so as to force the king, as I can still make good my bid if I lose one heart trick. B bets the right lead is the joker, so as to ask for hearts to be played to it and drop the king. Who wins:

If you can still make your bid after losing a trick in hearts A wins, because it is vital that you ance of his clerk, announced to Tracy Tupman. Esq., that Magna Charta is one of the brightest is about the sum of popular information as to that ancient muniment. The document would extend over two or three columns of this paper

and then would prove incomprehensible with its argon of wardships and scutage. The text in modern English is published by the Record Office should have the loker to trump yourself in agat in case the king does not fall. the realm and appears in some annotated editions holding king queen and seven would be ver likely to drop the queen so as to mislead th The uniplayer, and if there is a suit against the bidde the rest of the hear's might rever make if the toker were given up. As A plays the hand it is a certainty: as B would play it it is a gamble.

Crap Shooting J. McC says: A bets that it is to 1 that the first throw will not settle the bets is there any way that the odds can be calculate exactly enough to settle such a bet!

There are thirty six ways to throw two die

What is the annuity which the Kingdom of Italy votes to the Holy See as compensation for the confiscation of States of this Church? As no Pope has consented to take the annuity it must have been accumulating since 1870 or 1871 and must now amount to such an enormous figure as would bankrupt the treasury if payment were demanded. What is the present status of the fund? and eight of them will produce seven or elever which win for the caster at once. There are fo ways to produce two, three or twelve, whi An item in each year's budget is 3,225,000 itro \*permanent annuity due to the Holy See." The disposition of the annuities for the last forty years ites wholly in doubt. The statement of the lose for the caster at once. throws out of thirty six that bring immediat ears iles wholly in doubt. The statement of the public debt contains no single item under which

Poker, F. F. T. says: When an extra hand i dealt in error can a new deal be demanded by player who has already picked up his hand and looked at it? There must be a new deal, without any demand for it if more or less than the right number hands are dealt.

As discard cannot be among the deadwood un-less he has discarded before his turn came. If he has he cannot take it back and must take his chances of getting his own cards back again. When players do not follow the rules they must suffer the consequences.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The term of Justice William E. Wyatt of the Court of Special Sessions expires on July 1. The term is ten years, a vear. Mayor Gaynor has the appoint The term is ten years, at \$0,000 ment of Justice Wyatt's successor.

Senator Franklin D. Roosevelt tells his friends that after the present session of the Legislature adjourns he is to stump the State on political matters.

Ambassador Bryce in his "American ommonwealth" said: "The method of choosing the Senate by indirect election has excited the admiration of foreign critics, who have found in it a of the Senate as a legislative and executive authority.

The demand for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people was first uttered in the platform of the Popu list party in 1884. This platform demanded also the reduction of the term of Senators by one-half. It was not till 1900 that the Democratic party, which in the contest in party, yielded to the same demand and adopted the following plank at Kansas City: "We favor an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for the election of

The Wisconsin Legislature has passed the woman suffrage bill, but with the general referendum clause which sends it back to a vote of the men of the State. The woman suffragists believe that the referendum to their favor.

In view of William R. Hearst's recent

speech before the Legislature at Albany there is no end of gossip among New York county politicians as to the probability of there is no end of gossip among New York county politicians as to the probability of the Republican organization of the county, headed by Samuel S. Koenig, and the Independence League joining hands next fall in a fusion movement on the nomination of three Supreme Court Justices to succeed Francis Key Pendleton, Francis M. Scott and Daniel F. Cohalan: a Surrogate to succeed Col. Fowler, and a Sheriff to succeed Mr. Shea. For several campaigns, it was recalled yesterday, the straightout candidates of Tammany for Supreme Court Justices were defeated by a fusion of the Republicans and the Independence League. There is now no reason, it is held, to believe that Tammany will not nominate Justices Pendjeton, Scott and Cohalan, and Tammany is also to nominate its candidates for Surrogate and Sheriff. There is a marked difference of opinion among New York Republican county machinists as to the advisability of another fusion movement with the Independence League, and yet friends of the Republican Sheriff, Mr. Shea, advise one, and Mr. Shea's friends are rather inclined at the moment to believe that their views will be accepted. The Shea Republicans explain that recent the first of the country of the tendent of the country, headed by Samuel S. Koenig, and the Independence Independen that their views will be accepted. The Shea Republicans explain that recent fusions with the Independence League have had for their prime purpose the election of candidates not friendly to the Tammany organization, on the theory that every office taken from Tammany weakens Tammany just so much. This weakening process it is declared, if continued for a numer offyears, might eventually lead to turn

on the other hand there are many Republicans licans who are firm in the conviction that recent fusion on the part of the New York Republican county organization with the weaken the Republican organization and that continued fusion with the Independence League will work further damage to the Republicans: that there is something higher for the Republicans to strain after than the mere getting of offices.

There is great interest on the part of the Democrats as to the man Gov. Dix is to the splendor and extent of this class of make Superintendent of the new Highway literature. the powerful man on the commission. number of up-State Democrats have bee recommended for the post, but Charles I Murphy, it is stated, has a man of his own whom he hopes Gov. Dix will accept, and the selction of any New York city Democrat for a place having almost entirely to do with up-State Democrats.

Wheat and Flour in Western China.

trary to the general understanding in the United States, the Chinese people do not depend upon rice as their main food. Millions in north China these publications is rarely found in any depend for their subsistence almost entirely upon wheat, supplemented with peas and beans. Along the great western highway which trav

erses Shanst. Shenst and part of Szechuan prov inces are thousands of eating stalls, where food is served to myriads. For a thousand miles over this great road, that is, until one is in Szechuan. very little rice is sold at these cating stalls.

On the plains of Honan foodstuffs are pro duced in great abundance, wheat, barley, beans peas, sweet potatoes, rapeseed, corn and a great variety of fruits; besides cotton and hemp; but the chief crops are wheat and cotton. the chief wheat producing province of China. Its enormous crop feeds its own wheat eating population of 20,000,000, besides contributing wheat to the mills of Shanghai and Hankow. The wheat is carried 1,200 miles by road.

In central and northern Shensi and in Shansi wheat is the main crop, often forty hushels to the acre, being cultivated with great care, almost inch by inch. In southern Shansi the oplum poppy was formerly the most valuable crop, but last year wheat reigned supreme, and the province produced the largest yield ever known thirty five to forty bushels to the acre.

In June, 1910, wheat sold there at 25 to 20 cents bushel and flour was retailing at three fourths of a cent a pound. Much of this flour is ground mills in Shanst.

are not many places in the world where one will and wheat cultivated on the sides of steep me tains 7,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level and 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the floors of the valleys; but in the mountains of Shansi it is done in little patches of from 5 to 100 feet square. Szechuan province with an area of 218,000

square miles supports 80,000,000 people. It is reckoned that 70 per cent, of the population is rural. The farmer there lives on his field and not n a village as in other parts of China, culturally Szechuan is the richest of culturally Szechuan is the richest of China's eighteen provinces. Rice is the staple food, with

In none of the four provinces mentioned, Honan, Shansi, Shensi and Szechuan, are modern agricultural implements used in the production of wheat. Consul Arnold says: 'It is quite certain that when these three provinces are placed in proper communication with the rest of the empire and with the outside world flour will not bec one of their imports, for they can produce wheat at a price which would make wheat, and possibly flour, flow outward in great abundance.

In 1910 fiscal year Germany imported \$3,126,130 worth of boots and shoes and exported \$3,277,734 worth. Her purchases from the United States

We imported last year \$17,643,000 worth of works of art, twenty years old and over free of duty, besides \$973.125 worth of art works pro-duced abroad by Americans. We exported \$908.221 worth of paintings and statuary.

amounted to \$638,355, besides \$1,183,179 worth of

While Paraguay offers but little opportunity for foreign trade, the merchants of Asuncton claim that business improved in 1910, a larger number of commercial sales agents having vis ited the country during the year, three of whom were from the United States. Our trade with Paraguay in the last three calendar years was 1908, imports, \$16.347; exports, \$55,229; 1909, imports, \$19.338; exports, \$69.674; 1910, imports, \$26,987; exports, \$90.581.

When players do not follow the rules they must suffer the consequences.

N. F. G. says: A player asks for three cards and the dealer gives him two only, helping the next man before the error is discovered. The next man took one only, but has looked at it. What is the rule?

The Yamota, a Japanese publication, though claiming for Japan first position still in China's foreign trade, except in Hongkong, says: 'It is very doubtful if Japan can long maintain her auperior position in China's foreign commerce, the rule?

The man who asked for three must get his third. The man who asked for three must get his third various Chinese industries. China has recent reard from the top of the pack the moment the dealer's attention is called to it always provided he has not lifted or looked at either of the in labor. Cotton yarn forms 20 per cent of Japan.

65,000 BIBLES FOR HOTELS. One Branch of the Work of a Society of

Commercial Travellers. The Gideons, a society composed of commercial travellers, have in the last twelve years placed more than 65,000 Bibles in more than 600 hotels. There are 8,000 members of the society, which is really the Christian Commercial Travellers Association of America and which had its origin in 1899 in a hotel at Boscobel, Wis., where two travelling men met and agreed upon the desirability of such an organization. The Congregationalist and Christian World tells of

the work of the Gideons. It says: "The morals of the 'knight of the road' in the past taken as a class have not been working 'a remarkable change for better.'

"Two years ago Mr. N. W. Dennett, one of the trustees of the Gideons, learned when in England that the commercial travellers of Great Britain were placing Bibles in hotel rooms. The idea seemed inited States Senators by a direct vote a splendid one, so the Gideons decided to put a Bible in each guest room of every hotel in America.

Bibles in over 600 hotels and are rapidly increasing this number. The American Bible Society, which supplies the books at one-third less than cost, on account of the Gideons' demands and those of the others, is six months behind its orders.

65,000 Bibles. In many of the cities the churches have voluntereed to supply

TOURIST LITERATURE.

Well Made Booklets Got Out by the Transportation Companies. The Literary Digest prints a complimentary article on the transportation

"The general public," it says, "when visiting tourist agencies gets glimpses of the number and variety of handsome folders and pamphlets issued by railway and steamship companies at this season of the year. These glimpses, however, give scarcely more than suggestions of

"To the office of this periodical has come within the last two weeks matter of this kind which, exclusive of all mere time tables, lists of tours, &c., numbers considerably more than a hundred items. vet the country Democrats are opposed to Many of these represent the highest form of the printer's and illustrator's art. to do Halftone illustrations numbering thoueands might be counted in these pamphlets. They are printed on highly calendered paper, colors are often used not only on Consul J. H. Arnold of Amoy says that con- the covers but frequently in the text.

Sky," "The Land that Lures," "Outings in Oregon," "A Thousand Miles Through the Rockies," "Moose Trails and Deer

Tracks."
The Eastern, middle Western and South-The Eastern, middle Western and Southern pamphlets can boast of attractive and picturesque titles too, such as "The Dells of Wisconsin," "Anthracitations," "Summer Homes in the Green Hills of Vermont," "Winter Time in Summerland," "As Seen from the Train." "Under Sapphire Skies in San Antonio." Steamboat lines have their quota of beautifully illustrated books, as "Alaeka Totem Poles," "A Trip to Wonderland," "Around the World." Some of the pamphlets containing details as to hotels and boarding houses run to 300 or more pages in length and are

most interesting question that many other people most charming amusement and feel themselves whose various works are stages of one's own life To be this for one's contemporaries seems better

"Very often residents of my home town when in Washington are asked the origin of the name," said Robert Mauck Switzer, member of Congress had been assured of fortune and all comforts it our Cosar during school days. Out of this French

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Swimming

Ladies & Gentlemen. Prof. Dalton, 23 West ::38

"Another comes and laments that he shall no longer drink of the water of Dirce." Is the Marcian water worse than that of Dirce? "But I was used to the water of Dirce."—Epictetus.

OF STREET

"Yes, I drank of the Marcian waters, Of Bandusia's song haunted spring; But not though Mnemosyne's daughters The crystal of Helicon bring—

I was used to the water of Dirce,

"The snows of Citheron have chilled it— I shall cease from this fever and pain, If but the Gods have so willed it I taste that wild sweetness again:"

For thy youth was the sweetness thereof. EDITH M. THOMAS.

Katharine Tynan in the Tablet.
Speedwell and starwort
In an English May:
And to mine own country
My heart is away.

Ground by purple
In an English furrow.
But my heart's yesterday
Has no to morrow.

Speedwell and starwort
And the wild hedge rose.
I am not forgetting
For these or for those.

From the Westminster Gazette.

Marullus: gram: tonotus. A. D. circ. 60.

"Who bare this boy?" "Tis Venus. 70u mus

"Wherefore no blush" He knoweth naught of shame.
"Why blind is he?" Oh! License hath the blame.
"Wherefore so lean" His watchings in the night And pain and grief have brought him to this plight.
"Who lead his footsteps?" Luzury and sloth; Ease and intemperance go with them both. "Who are his comrades?" tell me if you dare: Hatred and slander, quarrelling, and war. "Who worthy are of heaven, heaven to bless?" Their fault is sens by God, and therefore less. "Blind mortals these, they know not right for sooth."

Daughters of Ireland. oted by George Russell in "The United Irish women" (Dublin: Maunsel & Co., 1911).

From the Spectato Our Lord was born in a poor place Where caravans of travellers lay. But over Him the Virgin's face Was like my dream of you to day;

Our Lady Mary was not proud Among poor folk at Bethlehem. But great men walted in the crowd For her kind look to fail on them.

Red rubles are not made from rust. Yet misers threw their money down To buy an aureole from the dust And weave themselves an evening crown

he loyous earth is redolent with June. The dream of barren hours at last come true Never were skies of a diviner blue.

o vales celestial beyond human ken

At Noon. He rushed into an eating place With eager eye and open face. And there with wondrous art he threw Much food that open face into.

Four paces off, entranced I stood, His aim, in truth, was very good; And not a drop or crumb. I wis, Escaped that factal orline.

Away, away, the luncher flew!
Amay minutes wasted! Oh mon Dieu!
And through the door with nerves all tense
lie fairly sailed. Check, 50 cents.

lands extending from the Neparah (Sawmili Creek in Yonkers) "as far as Papirinimen, called by our people Spyt den Duyvel, 'in spite of the

Out of the hollow night came Fear And stood beside my bed: He mocked at me with scornful leer Till one bade bim he sped-

CLUSTON SCOLLARD.

In what code of laws 19b is to be found is not stated, but the official laws of the game say (in 86 b) that there is only the one choice, to take three tricks or to take 150 in honors, and that if the three tricks are taken they may assist the de-clater in making good his contract. There is no mention of taking only one trick and the laws forbid the division of any penalty.

G. S. C. says: Z starts with a bid of one diamond, which B overcalls with two clubs, A and Y having passed. This Z passes and Y goes on to two hearts, as he has five trumps to assist his partner with and a possible stopper in clubs. The contract is set for two tricks and Z criticises Y for his bid after Z had refused to go further himself, Z having passed in the hope of setting the two trick club contract.

It is a common mistake among beginners to necesse the partner's bid on trump strength.

cause in almost all such hands the trumps fall together at the end. If Y held only one club, or none at all, and could ruff that suit the overcall would be justified, or if he had unusual strength eckoning on an average hand to assist him. If ou raise his bid on an average hand you are idding on strength that he has already bid on.

R. L. E. says: The declarer led a card and dummy trumped it although dummy had one of the suit. As the card led was a winning card and the declarer evidently overlooked dummy holding declarer led again and then the adversary on his right said "Wrong hand!" The dealet turned up the trick, and finding dummy had not followed suit insisted on putting the card back under the rule that dummy cannot revoke.

There is no such rule. That is merely a loose way of expressing the true rule, just as one says.

covered until the trick is turned and quitted the trick stands as played. The declarer must lead

it was faced on the table, although he could no get more than his trump if he had a losing spad and Z had the best spade against him.

she performed well such work as was allotted to her. When the Mexican war was on the sentor to make it can be reached without encountering any duplicates. The first 4 played is not in the

lle as they were.

Pardon my ignorance, but what is the true origin of the name Spuvien Duyvir. Though born not far up of ancient itudion lifter ancestry, bred in the city and telerably well read in its history, I do not recall any other version than that given by Washington Irving. Is there such a one! S. E. S.

F. I. N. says: Fight men all come in. The pactures out when there are still two men to be helper. One of these, A. bets his discard does not go in the deadwood thates to be gathered up to finist the deal for the draw. Dealer bets all discard must be shuffled up when the pack gives out. Both are correct. Under the rules a player does not discard until the dealer comes round to him and asks him how many cards he wants, so A's discard cannot be among the deadwood up

all that could be desired, but in the twelve years in which the Gideons have been says Secretary W. E. Henderson, 'has taken place.

"To-day they have placed over 65,000

"It takes a considerable sum to pay for

time."

The New York Bible Society has in the last six months placed 10,000 Bibles in the hotels of New York. The Hotel Astor took 800 copies, the Plaza 700 and the Hotel Savoy 100 leather bound vol-

literature got out for tourists.

ssues of books or magazines." A list follows of pamphlets issued by railroads of the far West and Canada whose titles are all that could be asked for any piece of literature. For instance: "Through Wonderland," a pamphlet on the Yellowstone: "On the Wings of the Wind," "The Challenge of the Mountains," "Above the Clouds in the Canadian Rockies." "The Bread Basket of the World," "Colorado Under the Turquoise

run to 300 or more pages in length and are profusely illustrated.

From the Saturday Review.
Sir W. S. Gilbert's place in literature is not the will ask themselves about him. It is rather what would their memories, since they came to manhood and womanhood, have been if there had been no "Bab Ballads"; if "Pinafore," "Patience," "Iolanthe," and "The Pirates of Penzance" had operas? Was Gilbert a poet or Sullivan a must clan, as the cognoscenti understand it, is unim portant to those, and they are not necessarily without refinement and culture, who for a quarter of a century found in Gilbert and Sullivan thei now dowered by them with their most treasured reminiscences. Gilbert is one of those rare authors

> Gallipolis, Ohto. From the Washington Post.

from Gailipolis, Ohio, "and it is explained that the town was inid out by a party of French emi-grants in the early part of the century. They this land of the free, but they had rather a hard time of it at the start. They called the county Gailla and the town Gallipolis in honor of Gaut, which was divided in three parts, as we read in settlement grew a good town, and several de-seendants of the first settlers are living there to-day.

SWIMMING SCIENTIFICALLY TAUGHT

I remember reading some verses many years ago, the first lines being.
In a neat little village not fat from Berlin Once stood a house called "The Llon," a very good Inn.
The Keeper a person quite ready to please.
Each customer serving with infinite ease.
Will some reader give the name of the author."
B. W. HAZZER. dealer's attention is called to it always provided he has not lifted or looked at either of the insufficient two. The following players must 
keep the cards they got. If the player has lifted 
or looked at either of the two insufficient cards 
or looked at either of the two insufficient cards. th scenes of war, of this sacrifice. Ascending the first before from the east, we find the chief in a cloister upon the chief want at the mint \$22.000.000 in silver, which the kept there until after the final count is me My guardian angel. Love! a hitecture, both in the propor- This begins June 12.